



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Title: WAC 230-40-010 Social Card Games –Rules of Play – Types of Games Authorized & WAC 230-12-045 Gambling Promotions

Summary:

Can operators add additional cash or merchandise to a house banked card game as part of the prize?
There are two allowable methods for adding to a prize for a house banked card game.

Text:

Any additional merchandise or cash prizes added by operators to non-proprietary card games like Blackjack or Pai Gow, in addition to the normal payouts for such games, are considered a gambling promotion and subject to the limitations imposed by WAC 230-12-045.

Additional merchandise or cash prizes may not be added to proprietary card games, games for which casinos pay a fee to operate like Let It Ride or Three Card Poker, without the approval of the company that owns the rights to such games. The approval must be in the form of the company submitting an alternative pay-table that includes the additional or revised prize payout to the Commission for review and approval. These revised pay-tables will then be available for all card rooms in Washington to use. These prizes are now part of the game rules and are considered prize payouts on the game. Because of this, they are not a gambling promotion.

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